

install and operate compression, and related appurtenant facilities, at the Hilight Processing Plant in Campbell County, Wyoming and at the Platte River Compressor Station in Converse County, Wyoming, in order to alleviate an existing capacity constraint on MIGC's system.

In the subject amendment, MIGC seeks to modify its original request for certificate authority by requesting authorization to install two 1610 hp reciprocating compression units at the Hilight Processing Plant in place of the two 1360 hp reciprocating compression units originally sought. In addition, MIGC requests authorization to install one 3300 hp centrifugal (gas turbine-driven) compression unit at the Platte River Compressor Station in place of the two 7042 hp reciprocating compression units originally requested.

MIGC states that the revised cost of the proposed project is estimated to be \$6,197,000. In addition, MIGC states that the request for rolled-in rate treatment for the facilities will not result in any rate increase to existing customers.

Any person desiring to be heard or to make any protest with reference to said amendment should on or before May 22, 1998, file with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20426, a motion to intervene or a protest in accordance with the requirements of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (18 CFR 385.214 or 385.211) and the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.10). All protests filed with the Commission will be considered by it in determining the appropriate action to be taken but will not serve to make the protestants parties to the proceeding. Any person wishing to become a party to a proceeding or to participate as a party in any hearing therein must file a motion to intervene in accordance with the Commission's Rules. All persons who have heretofore filed need to file again.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Project Nos. 2901-000 and 2902-000]

Nekoosa Packaging Corporation; Notice of Commission Staff Meeting With Nekoosa Packaging Corporation on Re-Licensing of Big Island and Holcomb Rock Hydroelectric Projects

May 1, 1998.

Nekoosa Packaging Corporation (Nekoosa), a wholly owned subsidiary of Georgia-Pacific Corporation is preparing License Applications and a Draft Environmental Assessment (DEA) for the Big Island and Holcomb Rock Hydroelectric Projects (Project Nos. 2901 and 2902, respectively) located on the James River, in Bedford and Amherst Counties, Virginia. The DEA is being prepared in coordination with representatives from various federal, state and local agencies, non-governmental organizations, and local interest groups. The DEA and license applications will be filed with the Commission no later than December 31, 1998.

Nekoosa mailed a copy of Sections 5 and 6 of the preliminary DEA, and a copy of Scoping Document 2, to all parties, including the Commission, on April 27, 1998. Commission staff has reviewed the documents and will attend a meeting, as follows, to discuss and make recommendations to be included in the preliminary DEA.

Meeting Date: May 12, 1998, 9 a.m.

Location: Georgia-Pacific Corporation's big Island Mills compound, Highway 501 North, Big Island, Virginia 24526

Interested parties are welcome to attend this meeting. For further information please contact the following individuals:

C. Richard Judy, Nekoosa Packaging Corporation, Big Island, Virginia 24526, (804) 299-5911

James T. Griffin, Federal Energy Reg. Comm., 888 First Street, NE, Mailstop HL-11.3, Washington, DC 20426, (202) 219-2799

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[Docket Nos. OA97-25-000, OA97-606-000, ER98-1890-000, ER98-2060-000, EL98-40-000]

Northern States Power Company (Minnesota) and Northern States Power Company (Wisconsin); Notice of Initiation of Proceeding and Refund Effective Date

May 1, 1998.

Take notice that on April 30, 1998, the Commission issued an order in the above-indicated dockets initiating a proceeding in Docket No. EL98-40-000 under section 206 of the Federal Power Act.

The refund effective date in Docket No. EL98-40-000 will be 60 days after publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

Linwood A. Watson, Jr.,

Acting Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP98-372-000]

Northwest Pipeline Corporation; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

May 1, 1998.

Take notice that on April 23, 1998, Northwest Pipeline Corporation (Northwest), 295 Chipeta Way, Salt Lake City, Utah 84158-0900, filed in Docket No. CP98-372-000, a request, pursuant to §§ 157.205, 157.216, and 157.211 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205, 157.216, and 157.211), for authorization to abandon by removal its existing Moses Lake Meter Station and its existing U&I Sugar Meter Station in Grant County, Washington and to construct and operate a new combined, replacement Moses Lake Meter Station at the same site to better accommodate existing natural gas delivery requirements to Cascade Natural Gas Corporation (Cascade), under Northwest's blanket certificate authorization issued in Docket No. CP82-433-000, pursuant to Section 7 of the Natural Gas Act, all as more fully set forth in the request which is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.